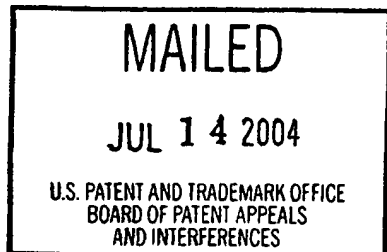


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 24, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on May 28, 2003 (Paper No. 29).

According to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 609(C)(2) (Eighth Ed., Rev. 1, Feb. 2003):

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Examiners must consider all citations submitted in conformance with the rules and this section [37 CFR 1.197 and 37 CFR 1.198], and their initials when placed adjacent to the considered citations on the list or in the boxes provided on a form PTO-1449 . . . provides a clear record of which citations have been considered by the Office. . . .

The IDS noted above does not conform to the above requirement.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for

- (1) proper consideration of the IDS filed May 28, 2003 (Paper No. 29),
- (2) notification to appellant in writing of such consideration, and
- (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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